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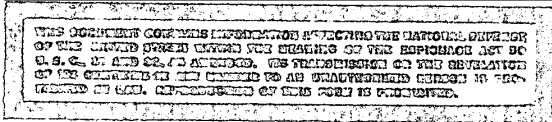
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Army Reconnaissance Unit
near Sololovo

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1. The 13th Infantry Division, [redacted] located at Karlovy Vary, has established a training center at Dvory in the Ciesarsky Forest.

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[redacted] One platoon from each of the companies in the 13th Division is sent to the training unit. Thus, one platoon is sent from As, one from Chob, one from Dvory and one from Marianске Lazne. Training in the reconnaissance unit lasts one year.

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2. At this training center theoretical and practical training in the following subjects is given: reconnaissance for a distance of 20 km; map reading; taking of prisoners for interrogation; neutralization of military and other guards; construction and detection of observation posts; camouflage; destruction of telephone communications; mine laying; methods of attacking single vehicles; methods of destruction of vehicles including armored cars, tanks and self-propelled guns; jujitsu; use of knife in hand combat; methods of binding prisoners; daytime and nighttime problems. Only fully reliable men are selected for reconnaissance training. They must be organized members of the Communist Party or the Union of Czech Youth and must have a loyal attitude towards the "People's Democratic Regime".

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3. A normal training day consists approximately of the following:

5 a.m.	Reveille
5:50 a.m.	A prepared survey of the daily press (Rude Pravo) is read to the students.
6 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Training
3:30 p.m.	Lunch (sic)
4-6:30 p.m.	Work brigades
5-9:30 p.m.	Supper, Order of the Day, compulsory attendance at discussions on Communist ideology, Russian songs, moving pictures. Only 30 percent of the students may leave the caserne to take a walk after the reading of the Order of the Day. Permission to stay out later than 9:30 p.m. is granted to 30 percent of the students on Saturdays, but only with the approval of the Enlightenment Officer.

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Special certificates permitting entry into the border region for the purpose of visiting wives or relatives are granted only to the most reliable soldiers, who are first checked thoroughly. This certificate must be certified by the DOZ officer.

4. A two-hour period of political schooling is held twice weekly by the Enlightenment Officer. Lectures are given and discussions held on Russian writers, the international situation, Russian economics, and agricultural questions. Since their reactions during this schooling are observed by the Enlightenment Officer, students feel required to retain as much as possible so as not to be accused of political deviation. Despite these measures, this political schooling is not meeting with success, and it is believed that at least 50 percent of the men born during 1926 or later would attempt to desert from the army in case of war with the West or an anti-Communist revolt. 25X1
5. Personnel of the Reconnaissance Training Unit are: 25X1
 - a. Commanding Officer Capt. Nikolai Polizinec, a Ukrainian from Sub-Carpathian Russia 25X1
 - b. Enlightenment Officer Cadet Miroslav Douba, intends to continue as a career officer after completing his tour of duty. 25X1
 - c. Commanding Officers of Reconnaissance Platoons
 - 1) Lt. Popelka 25X1
 - 2) Lt. Ladislav Baran 25X1
 - 3) Lt. Cerny leader of the platoon in As. 25X1
 - 4) Lt. Cermak leader of the platoon in Cheb. 25X1

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